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THE CHURCH THEN

WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT?

By Joseph L. Milligan, Pastor,
Bonne Terre, Mo.

This message of four little words, the first utterance to be transmitted over the telephone, is on the lips of the Bonne Terre Church of God. And rightly so, for God has certainly been moving amongst and speaking to us. We have just completed a \$9,000 improvement program which consists of the following: painting of the entire interior; elevating the choir with two tiers covered with maroon versatile, and shielded with ornate banisters; procurement of a lovely painting of the "Empty Tomb"; installing an \$800 long-stringed Everett spinet piano; installing a new ceiling of acoustical tile; new fluorescent fixtures; rewiring the entire church; swinging doors in the vestibule (with graduated cutouts); maroon plush carpets covering all exposed parts of the floor; installing hardwood floors; new lights at either side of the entrance and an 8-foot neon Church of God cross on the belfry; a lovely pulpit, desk and chair, and new pews costing \$2,424.56. We have a new \$1,000 gas furnace; two modern rest rooms, and new folding chairs for the Sunday School rooms. We have spent over \$400 for

landscaping and have built a new garage. The church and parsonage are free from debt. The indebtedness on the improvements is almost nil and will be paid off at our annual homecoming. The new pews were paid off last week. It seemed like a great project, but money has come from unheard-of sources. The faith of our little group has been strengthened as we have watched the Lord dissolve barriers. We have learned, at least partially, the meaning of the verse, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." As the renovation program progressed, new life came into the church. Our church is full every Sunday night, and it is my opinion that the heartstrings and deep-seated affections of the people are more closely tethered to their church than ever before. Our Sunday morning devotions are second to none, and waves of glory often roll over the worshipful congregation as hearts are melted. There is a strange moving in the Bonne Terre Church that has been brought about by nothing more than the gospel in its simplicity and the precious praying people of this little mining town in Missouri. The people have sacrificed for the work's sake, and the prospects for this church are most promising.—A happy pastor, Joseph L. Milligan.



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WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

CAMP MEETINGS AND STATE CONVENTIONS

STATE	DATE	PLACE
ALABAMA	June 30-July 6	Birmingham
ARKANSAS	June 23-29 (S. C. 27-29)	Bald Knob
CALIFORNIA	June 16-22	Pacific Palisades
COLORADO	July 15-23	Clifton
FLORIDA	June 10-19	Campground, Wimsauma
GEORGIA	June 30-July 9	Campground, Doraville
IDAHO, OREGON		
WASHINGTON	June 30-July 6	Campground, Woodland (Conn)
ILLINOIS	June 30-July 6	Campground, Benton
INDIANA	June 25-28 (S. C.)	Terre Haute
IOWA	June 16-22	Des Moines (Beaube)
KANSAS	June 10-15	Coffeyville
KENTUCKY	June 30-July 5	Campground, Lexington
LOUISIANA	June 19-22	Covington
MARYLAND	July 28-Aug. 3 (S. C. 1-3)	Hurlock
MICHIGAN	June 24-29	Tabernacle, Detroit
MINNESOTA	May 13-18 (S. C. 16-18)	Minneapolis (Joe Milligan)
MISSISSIPPI	June 17-22	Hattiesburg
MISSOURI	July 14-20	Arcadia, Epworth among the Hills (Boatwright)
MONTANA	July 21-27 (Y. C. 14-20)	
NEBRASKA	June 27-July 2	Omaha
MAINE	July 7-13 (S. C. 11-13)	Appleton
NEW JERSEY	July 11-13	Millville
NEW MEXICO	June 24-29	Hobbs Jr. High School
NEW YORK	July 15, 16	Brooklyn
NORTH CAROLINA	June 9-15	Campground, Charlotte
NORTH & SOUTH DAKOTA		
OHIO	June 26-July 4	Campground, Minot
OKLAHOMA	June 18-21	Cincinnati
PENNSYLVANIA	June 30-July 6	Campground, Chandler
SOUTH CAROLINA	July 14-24	Somerset
TENNESSEE	June 30-July 6	Campground, Laurens
TEXAS	June 16-22 (S. C. 21-22)	Campground, Weatherford
VIRGINIA	June 23-28	
WEST VIRGINIA	June 9-14	Beckley
WISCONSIN	June 10-15	Wausau
CENTRAL CANADA	July 20-27	Wheatley
WESTERN CANADA	July 5-14	Estevan, I. B. C.

VALDOSTA PLANS EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

Time—May 3, 8 p.m.—May 11.

Place—Livestock Auditorium, east edge of Valdosta, Ga., on Highway 84.

Convenience—There is ample parking space and facilities for house trailers.

Broadcast—Daily broadcast between 10 and 11 a.m.

Speaker—The Rev. Earl P. Paulk, state overseer of North Carolina and a favorite son of Georgia, will be the evangelist.

Nature of Meeting—It will be a union meeting supported by the Churches of God and pastors of the Valdosta District and other ministers and churches of Pentecostal faith.

Invitation—Plan, Pray, Come.

Management—Reverends H. M. Duck, district overseer, Fender, Ga., and E. E. O'Neal, pastor, Valdosta, Ga.

NOTICE

I should like to contact all Church of God, Pentecostal, holiness people who live in or near Ashland City, Pegram, Tenn., or in the Pond Creek area. We have a real good Sunday School started at Pond Creek, in a large brush arbor with a nice sawdust floor. We trust to start a revival soon. Please get in touch with me as soon as possible.—Merle H. Greene, 6218 California Ave., Nashville 9, Tenn.

We have a radio broadcast known as "Gospel Highlights," at 9:30 each Sunday morning, over Station WKDK, Newberry, S. C.—J. W. Moore, Newberry, S. C.

Word has come that Rev. Willie Gabbard, of Kentucky, died April 4, 1952.

Telegram

MALLORY, W. Va.—Greatest revival for years; 58 saved, 8 sanctified, 6 baptized with Holy Ghost; results in each service.—F. G. McAfee.

Requests for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

Our son who is in the hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown.—Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Browning, Sr., Letcher, Ky.

A brother to be saved and healed of arthritis his home to be reunited; my daughter and her husband.—William Tucker, Ringgold, Ga.

My wife to be healed.—V. T. Cheers, Naval Base, S. C.

God to give my wife her health and strength back.—Andrew Oaks, 114 S. Maple St., Peru, Ind.

My nephew to be saved. He was wounded. His address is Pfc. Robert A. Bohon, RA 1323-506, Medical Co., 148th Inf., Camp Polk, La.—His aunt, Saint George, W. Va.

G. C. Elliott to be healed; God to send us an old-time Holy Ghost revival.—Lana Sexton, Oneida, Tenn.

EDITORIAL . . .

THE VALUE OF PENTECOSTAL BIBLE SCHOOLS

The very phraseology of this subject differentiates Pentecostal Bible schools from all others. The value of such schools is known to the world at large, but it is only reasonable to admit that their true value is better understood and more generally acknowledged by those of Pentecostal experience, faith, practice, or tendency. Not only that, but we use a different yardstick in arriving at the value of our schools, to that used by those of lower Bible standards, even though they claim to be fundamental.

For instance, we acknowledge that the true value of our Pentecostal Bible schools does not reside in a surplus of property. We admit that we do not have thousands of schools with elaborate and costly buildings on multiplied acres of beautiful flowing lawns. In fact, the schools that serve our constituency of ten million Pentecostals would not surpass perhaps a few hundred, and the buildings as a general rule are ordinary, barely within the bounds of modern housing, and on limited acreage. Neither do we boast stability through financial affluence. Yet, most of the schools, once started, are continuing and realizing success, despite the lack of numerous scholarships, self-supporting enterprises, huge endowments, or liberal donations from the great and fabulous foundations. In fact, the lack of these things has infused our schools with that sterner stuff of life that has brought them safely through indescribable hardships and difficulties. After all, the Pentecostal Bible schools are still in their infancy, since perhaps the oldest is not over 40 years old, and the majority have not seen more than a score of terms.

Pentecostal Bible schools are valuable because their foundation, framework, and structure are the Holy Bible. This being true, it simply means that Pentecostal Bible schools accept the Bible in its entirety, rightly divided. They emphasize the fact that its teachings and doctrines are not only mandates for us, but pleasing, adaptable, and practicable for everyday life.

Pentecostal Bible schools are valuable because they emphasize the necessity of a person being Spirit-born, sanctified through the blood of Christ Jesus, endued by the Holy Spirit in baptismal power; further, that such a person will walk in the Spirit, and in so doing, render honorable, faithful, and effective service to God, the church, and his fellow man. Their value is further accentuated by the sacrificial giving of property and service, by those of limited means, to make them possible. This is saying nothing of the tear-drenched cheeks, during thousands of hours of prayer and fasting. Yes, these things have made them of inestimable value.

They are valuable because of their purpose. That purpose is to prepare men and women, boys and girls to render God, the church, and the lost world a service that is to glorify God in building up His church **here and now** and hasten the coming of Christ Jesus who purchased it with His precious blood.

Pentecostal Bible schools are valuable because of the type of teachers and officers constituting their faculties. They are men and women of not only literary and scholastic ability and efficiency, but first and more important, Spirit-filled Christians, dedicated and devoted to the purpose of teaching, as only God-called teachers could be. They are not teaching for fame or fortune, but because they have a burning passion to train others to serve God in a more effective and effectual manner.

Pentecostal Bible schools are valuable because of the type of students they enroll. When a person enrolls in one of these schools, it is indicative of the fact that his plan and purpose is to better prepare himself for Christian service. He is not interested in a mere profession, but in a mind-, heart-, and soul-broadening Christian education, to be better prepared to engage in the greatest business in the world—winning lost souls and shepherdizing them.

Pentecostal schools are valuable because wherever one is erected, it stands as the Rock of Gibraltar against modernism, and there never has been a day more than now when there were more "isms" and "cisms" trying to compromise and streamline "the faith once delivered to the saints." These schools are fortresses and bulwarks against such infiltration of infidelity under false cloaks of Christianity.

Pentecostal Bible schools are valuable because they promote the various groups of "like precious faith," through their faculties and students. It is from and through them that we have more capable and effective pastors, missionaries, and executives in a shorter period of time. Not only that, but the influence of the schools is assuring for us a more stable, cultured, Christ-like home and church life today and in the future. Then, too, we are realizing the broad benefit of the influence of these schools upon the business, clerical, and common walks of life. Through the various and numerous channels, their life-giving, vitalizing, convincing, magnetic power is being felt, not only by our own people, but those of other denominations and nonchurch members.

Pentecostal Bible schools are of inestimable value because they serve as a balancing factor in our thinking, deportment, and attitude toward and fellowship with each other as distinct Pentecostals within the realm of the Pentecostal movement. They also help us to keep our equilibrium in our preaching, teaching, and general activity in our local and general church efforts. The schools, along with our various contacts with each other in Pentecostal conferences, are serving to develop our knowledge of each other and make dearer and more binding our Pentecostal relationship. This strength of fellowship and understanding among ourselves qualifies us to deal more effectively with those of different religious faiths as well as those who make no religious profession. Pentecostal Bible schools are valuable, therefore, because they add impetus to our work now. They are valuable because through them we hold the progress we have made through turbulent trying days and have unalterable assurance of continued success, so long as we stay rooted and grounded in the truth and are actuated by that faith, indwelt and empowered by the Pentecostal power—the Holy Spirit.

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WRITE: Registrar, Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee

"God's School for God's Business"



Editor's Note: Brother Culp has done evangelistic work in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and North Carolina. He is available for meetings anywhere.

Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be my witnesses . . ."

Power—think of the possibilities of this great word. When James Watt discovered that there was power in steam, a revolution took place in industry, commerce, and transportation. Men and women were amazed when they heard that Alexander Bell had discovered the power in the first telephone. Great laboratories are in existence today because inventors are seeking for power. Scientific research has played a great part in recent years, because of the keen longing to find power in different chemical substances. Think of the atomic bomb. What a weapon of power! The newspapers use the word "power" in terms of mobilization. Every year greater automobiles, with increased horsepower, are being manufactured.

Spiritual-minded Christians are interested in spiritual power, for it is divine power that we need to overcome the evil forces which strive against us and to be successful workers for God and His church. It was the power of God that made man and everything that was made. Moses, by the power of God, was able to divide the waters of the Red Sea and later cause water to come gushing forth from a cold, barren rock. At Joshua's command the sun stood still; Elijah, Elisha, and many others are noted for their power with God.

Just prior to His ascension, Jesus was unfolding the message of the promise of the Father and to His humble followers. He was leading them into a truth that was going to revolutionize all ecclesiastical orders, and set the world aflame with a new light—the real Pentecostal life. It possesses the fragrance of the Rose of Sharon, the purity of the Lily of the Valley, and the power of the Lion of Judah. This experience is one of common

Invincible Power

By Evangelist Clark S. Culp, 407 Gilmore Ave., Trafford, Penna.

sense and reason; not a life of fanaticism, but a life full of humility and meekness. It lives and thrives in humble submission to the whole will of God.

When John Wesley went to Bristol, he was assailed by the famous Bishop Butler, who expressed himself thus, "The pretending to extraordinary revelations and gifts of the Holy Ghost is a horrid thing." That opinion is held by a great many in the religious world today, and is largely built upon a foundation of ignorance or human pride. We must rightly inform the public, and present them with the challenge of this great doctrine. Every effort must be made to bring about a change of attitude. Then the gifts of the Spirit shall be accepted by a much wider circle. Many are still butchering the miracles of Pentecost in trying to rob it of its supernatural origin and purpose. The power which fell upon the apostles was a mighty, miracle-working power. A mere handful of men rocked the whole world by it within a few short years! The world has yet to see what can be done through the person or group of persons who are fully yielded to the will of God and are filled with this mighty Holy Ghost power.

This supernatural power is diversified for all realms of mankind—moral, physical, emotional, spiritual, supernatural; power not only for the crisis of life, but for the home, business, and society. Yes, this power is available to all believers.

The Holy Ghost makes Christian life as vital as fire and as vitalizing as refreshing water. He fills Christians with passion and compassion. Because many do not see in a proportionate degree the exhibition of power which is promised to follow, they feebly explain that this is ample reason to doubt it is a genuine scriptural experience; but we must take some facts into consideration. The mightier deeds were the works of the Holy Ghost through the apostles and ordained leaders of the church. Paul asked, "Are all apostles?" (1 Cor. 12:29). The implied answer is, of course, negative. Obviously, the Holy Spirit bestows gifts on different people in different measures, for Paul again points out, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace given us." The fact that every believer does not make headline news every day doesn't mean that the quality of the power has deteriorated since it was first bestowed.

Let each covet earnestly the best gifts, for the Holy Ghost power has not diminished one bit. It is operated by faith and our earnest desire to accomplish the will of God. It is one

thing to get into an automobile and press the accelerator, causing the engine to revolve faster, and another thing to engage the gears so it will move. The apostles could have remained in the upper room in a state of ecstasy and magnifying God in other tongues; but they put the divine power into the gear of zealous evangelism, and the church began to move.

Unsanctified philosophers of religion contend that the word "power" is used in Acts 1:8 to denote communion, character, or virtue. However, the word used here is *dunamis*. It appears in the New Testament about 120 times. Seventy-seven times it is translated "power"; eleven times, "mighty work"; four times, "might"; and three times, "virtue." In each case it is used in connection with the same incident. Some writers argue that the word means "virtue," and they are not kind enough to explain the setting. The result is that the thought of Christian character only has been accepted by many. Let us consider an incident where the word is employed. The Synoptic Gospels record for us the incident of a poor, nameless woman whose face was pale, pinched, and wan. Her beauty was marred with great lines of suffering, and acute pain racked her body, she having suffered with an issue of blood for twelve long years. Then one day she heard of Jesus. She heard the common people speak of Him with deep affection, such as the shepherds know, who carry the lambs in their bosoms. Faith mounted in her soul, as she remembered the blind man's miraculous healing and the testimony of the lepers. There came to her the assurance that if she could just touch the hem of Christ's garment, it would be enough—and it was! Jesus stopped and asked the electrifying question, "Who touched me? . . . I perceive that virtue has gone out of me." Here is our word *power* translated *virtue*. Oh, for more of this life-giving virtue, healing virtue, miraculous virtue! In this sense it reads well into Acts 1:8.

Dunamis (power) is not Victorian dignity; it is dynamite! We need something that will jar men loose from their sinful ease and their selfish indulgences, and, thank God, we know what can best do that. True, character is a much-desired fruit of the Spirit, a natural result of a spiritual growth in Christ, and must be realized before the gifts of the Spirit can be manifested, but this is incidental to what Christ meant when He said, "Ye shall receive power." It is a glorious thing to see Spirit-filled people speak forth exultant languages of

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The Church of God — Its Foundation

Rev. Bartley Paul Horne, Pastor, Hazelwood, N. C.

Matthew 16:16-19, "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Upon these words millions have staked their lives, their fortunes, and their souls. Just to read them without reflection, one could make the error of many who have supposed that Jesus was building His church upon one lone man, Peter. This, of course, cannot be true, as it would contradict other scriptures, and this would invalidate both. 1 Cor. 3:11 says, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus." Certainly, we are to build only on Christ Jesus.

We shall notice a few of the statements that show us what Christ had in mind when He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church."

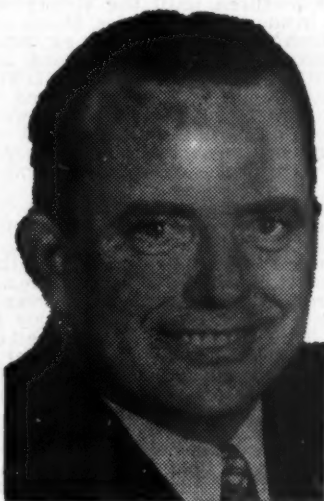
1. THE CHURCH OF GOD IS BUILT UPON THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Any teaching, doctrine, or theory that is not true to this is certainly out of place in the Church of God foundation, or anywhere else in the church.

2. THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IS THE DIVINE REVELATION OF THAT DEITY. "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." However helpful man's opinion may be, and however much we may appreciate the teachings of men, I am so glad for the divine revelation. There is no other explanation for the Word of God. It is more than flesh and blood could have thought of. The Church of God is built on the divine revelation.

3. CHRIST BUILDS HIS CHURCH UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS' FAITH IN THE DIVINE REVELATION AND DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST. "Thou art the Christ." Not a mild "we believe," or "we agree" that thou art Christ, but the emphatic, positive, know-so, kind of faith that comes from personal touch, personal contact, and personal faith—"Thou ART."

4. THE DIVINE TOUCH, BLESSING, AND EXPERIENCE THIS FAITH BRINGS TO THE INDIVIDUAL SOUL. "Blessed art thou." A religion or a faith that does not bring a blessing

or experience to the soul will not do to build upon. Someone arises to tell us ever so often that he does not think we should stress "emotionalism" too much. The Word of our God says, about the kingdom, that it "is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Two of these relate to



Bartley Paul Horne was saved April 15, 1930 and began immediately to preach in the Baptist Church and study for the ministry. Brother Horne says, "When I was sanctified, on Jan. 6, 1932, my interest in preaching a sinning religion and eternal security so faded away that I was no longer interested in preparation for that type work. However, I was ordained to the ministry and was told to 'Preach the Word.' Eventually, though, I was brought to trial for preaching sanctification. They did not turn me out, but I left and joined the Nazarene Church." Brother Horne took the 4-year theological course required for ordination in the Nazarene Church and was again ordained to preach the Word. He says, "I enjoyed my work with the Nazarene brethren, and preached about 3,000 times on the theme 'Sanctification.' The thing that puzzled me most was the number of sanctified folk who would say to me, 'Brother Horne, I know I am saved and sanctified, but I have such a hunger for more of God that sometimes I can hardly live. What else is there for me? and what must I do to obtain it? I did not know what to tell them. But one Sunday morning I turned the radio dial on Rev. Ray Collins' program. I had known Brother Collins for years. I enjoyed that program so much that I tuned in several Sundays, and when he began to preach on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the initial evidence, God showed me that he was preaching the right doctrine. I wrote to Brother Collins; he invited me to preach for him, and the greatest thing that ever happened to me followed. In only a few weeks I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and joined the Church of God. I was ordained in the Church of God in August, 1950. Now I know, for sure, that I am free to PREACH THE WORD, all of it, and any part of it. Of course, I regret that I did not join the Church of God when I was first saved, but it is a long way from where I started, and I have covered the ground slowly enough that I am sure of my present standing. I trust that I can preach at least 25 years in the Church of God."

the emotions, and only one to living, so God's own definition of His kind of salvation is two-thirds connected with feelings. Hallelujah!

5. THOU ART PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH. Look at the name and you will see something of importance. "Simon" was his natural name without a touch from God, or faith in God's Son. "Thou art Peter," no longer Simon the unsaved, but Peter, the rock, a man to be used in the building of the Church of God.

6. THE ROCK. Only God can make a rock. We cannot save or sanctify our souls by our works, only the great blood of Jesus can accomplish that. He is the One who saves, sanctifies, and baptizes with the Holy Ghost. "Upon this rock I will build my church." A rock is established; nothing mushy, but like a flint set to stand for God.

7. THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT. We are the group for which the devil is gunning. He has no reason to fear a cold, dead, formal church group. We stand against all for which he stands. We stand for the things he is most against. Yet, Jesus assures us the victory! not by our bowing down in submission to Satan and not by compromising. You don't keep the enemy out by breaking down your own gate. We do not fight with carnal weapons, but with spiritual, by preaching and living the doctrines that will help us and others to keep the victory. This is the chief business of every Church of God preacher. I like to preach against sin, for the devil is against that kind of preaching. I like to preach on sanctification as subsequent to the new birth, for the devil hates that doctrine, too. I like to preach on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance, which also sets the devil howling.

Jesus said, "Whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth will be loosed in heaven, and whatever thou shalt bind on earth will be bound in heaven." In

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"The most important point is that the gates which NOW are open . . . stand every chance of being closed. The political situation of the country, when viewed side by side with the economic aspects of the land, leaves us no doubt whatsoever that soon the anti-Christian influences will prevail to stop all evangelistic work. We are faced with a situation which calls for immediate and drastic action on the part of those who love the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has been using some of us, His children here, to do something ourselves . . . BUT the work is stupendous, and we now have to turn our eyes to our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world . . . FOR THEIR COOPERATION . . . We wish to meet with some of the leaders of other countries to speak to them in a body, during the coming World Conference in London, so that they might consider these matters prayerfully."

Thus pleads an Indian brother who has travelled extensively in his own country and the Far East. Similar appeals come from Europe, South America, and Africa. Missions . . . Missions . . . more missions . . . urgent missions . . . is the plea from all corners of the earth. Unity in missions and missions in unity is the cry from the hearts of those who see their own people perish, while in some countries there are still those who are spending time and money to quarrel with each other about details. WHY have such GREAT convictions about such little things that keep our efforts divided? Listen to the call for help: "Give us literature—simple, sound gospel literature. Send the gospel to our people over the ether waves, by radio. Help us to use every means of mass communication to reach whole nations NOW."

When Israel was in bondage to the Egyptians, God sent only two men, Moses and Aaron, to liberate a whole nation. However, when a liberated Israel reached the frontiers of Canaan, every man had to fight. It was no longer a case of the power of God demonstrated through ONE man.

God's plan was to reveal His power through ONE people. Even when a single man among these people (Achan) failed, the battle went against them. Then, when two tribes of Israel suggested they would prefer to stay outside the boundaries of Canaan, but that they should agree to battle with their brethren until the victory was won inside the boundaries, Moses said to them: "If ye will NOT do so, behold ye have sinned against the Lord: and BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT." Numbers 32:23. It was no sin that Israel was divided into twelve tribes and many families, BUT it was a sin when any tribe failed to cooperate with all the rest of the people of God.

It seems that today, as in ancient history, the times are past when a single missionary could go out and pioneer the gospel work in a heathen country. There are now thousands of churches and hundreds of movements in scores of countries that enjoy the full light of the gospel, with the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, Baptizer in the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier and Healer Divine. Further victories must now come through the united efforts of God's people everywhere. There seems to be a tendency on the part of some Christians to hold aloof from others because they think they please the Lord by so doing. Let us warn such in the words of Moses: "BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT."

We are approaching the THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES. There is evidence of a much greater interest in this great gathering in London, England, from June 27 to July 6, 1952 (D.V.) than in the meetings of Zurich, Switzerland, in 1947 or the meetings of Paris, France in 1949. The measure of unity in fellowship, among the full-gospel peoples of the world, has increased greatly in recent years. The desire to cooperate and unite in efforts for the evangelization of the world has never been stronger than now. Leading brethren have travelled extensively through many countries and mission fields in recent times. All have discovered there are certain things that can be done, ONLY if every church in every movement would cooperate. Individual efforts of persons and churches, and even of movements, have proved to be too feeble for the great task that lies before us in this generation.

This great world Pentecostal Fellowship is not a concept, system or unified organization, but it has become a movement, a need, a longing and dynamic of faith, a trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and open-minded obedience to the demand of a divine inspiration. Conventions and

rallies have not busied themselves with concrete and technical tasks, but rather with the call of God, with the distress of the whole world, and with the cry of the people of all lands. There is no desire for power, for organization, or for influence, but there is an urge to obey the will of God and have the MIND OF CHRIST. When there is such an earnest inquiry after the will of God, and such distress to answer the call of soul-hungry peoples in all seriousness, we know a getting-together and a working-together becomes not only possible, but imperative.

We have decided to make the theme of the 1952 conference "Into All the World." Around this theme will be built the many phases of the GREAT COMMISSION, "And preach the gospel to EVERY CREATURE." It is a coming-together to unite our efforts to "GO into all the world," with the spoken word of the preacher, the printed word of the writer, the visual aids of the artist, and the far-reaching ministry of the radio. UNTIL we have reached EVERY CREATURE, or until Jesus comes to call away a CHURCH with an unfinished task.

It was "in view of the gravity of the hour and in acknowledgment of the activity of the Spirit of God in drawing His people into a closer bond of fellowship and spiritual unity" that the Second World Conference, in Paris, resolved to "reaffirm its recognition of the inherent principles of spiritual unity and fellowship of Pentecostal believers, leaving inviolate the various forms of church government, and recognizing that every freedom and privilege enjoyed by any church or group of churches shall remain their undisturbed possession."

There can be no doubt on the part of informed circles that the Holy Spirit is very definitely moving the rank and file of Pentecostal people everywhere toward closer fellowship and

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CALHOUN FALLS, S. C.—We have just had the best revival the church has ever had. We feel sure that the Lord sent Brother and Sister Villard McCrary our way. Night after night the Holy Ghost took charge and for 4 weeks Brother McCrary preached only 7 sermons. Forty were saved, 27 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 13 added to the church. This revival was a great blessing to our church, town, and community. Brother W. L. Davis, our good pastor, is doing a great work here.—Harold Dixon, Clerk.

TUCUMCARI, N. Mex.—The church here closed a revival March 16, which had been conducted by Rev. R. E. Blazier, of Carmi, Illinois. Six were saved, several sanctified, and 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many people were healed of cancers, tumors, and many other diseases by the power of God as Brother Blazier prayed for them. The church was really blessed by his messages.—Joe Bailey, Pastor.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—We have just had a revival, with Rev. and Mrs. Kel-land Jeffords, of Waresboro, Ga., as the evangelists. In each service hearts were blessed by their singing and many souls were saved by hearing the timely messages Brother Jeffords brought to us each night. Thirty were saved, 16 sanctified, and 9 filled with the Holy Ghost during the two weeks' revival. God's power and Holy Ghost witnessed in every service and it seemed each service was better than the last.

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, Tenn.—We have just had the greatest revival we have ever had, with Sister Amanda Miller as our evangelist. She was with us only 11 nights, but God did wonders for us. Seventy were saved, 65 sanctified, 62 filled with the Holy Ghost, 40 added to the church, and many healed in body. We thank God for Brother and Sister Miller.—Rev. Herbert Giles, Pastor.

N. CINCINNATI, Ohio—Sister Margie Nessler was our evangelist for a wonderful four weeks' revival we just had. Seventeen were saved, 8 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and many joined the church. There has been a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost; God met with us in a great way. Sister Nessler preached under the anointing of the power of God—people's hearts were blessed, and sinners' hearts were touched by hearing her wonderful messages. God is really using her and blessing her work. God surely visited the church at N. Cincinnati.—Rev. Henry T. Roberson, Pastor.

TERRELL WELLS, Texas—The Church of God here has had the best revival in its history, with Brother

Harvey Weatherby preaching. Fifteen were saved, 10 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 2 baptized in water, and 5 united with the church.—R. O. Woodruff, Pastor.

WELLSTON, Ohio—We have just had a ten-day revival here, with Brother Edgar T. Mastin, district pastor, as evangelist. It has been one of the greatest revivals we have ever had. Five were saved, 3 sanctified, 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 4 added to the church, and several people healed. Among these instant and wonderful healings, 2 persons received healing for their eyes. We thank and praise God for this wonderful revival, and for such a God-fearing man as Brother Mastin.—C. G. Butts, Pastor.



J. D. Bright and Mrs. and Rev. A. V. Childers

HENDERSON, N. C., CHURCH MAKING GREAT PROGRESS

Brother J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief, visited the Henderson Church March 16. He was a great blessing to us, and a great inspiration to the entire church. His messages were wonderful. We truly thank God for men like Brother Bright, and we welcome him to come again.

We also thank God for our faithful pastor, Brother A. V. Childers. We have been in a continuous revival since he came here. The power of God has been falling in every service, with people being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Childers is a wonderful worker among both young and old, and is loved by everyone. The work has grown and prospered under their direction. A few Sundays ago we had 464 in Sunday School and \$176.06 Sunday School offering. That night the church was filled to capacity, and people were in the lobby and even on the steps. The church here is really growing.—Sister Iris Stokes.

Editor's Note—I have never enjoyed a visit more than the one with Brother Childers and family and the Henderson, N. C., Church. There was every evidence of love, fellowship, unity, and the assurance that the \$10,000 expansion drive was going over in a big way. Brother Childers is a very efficient pastor and is appreciated greatly by the membership and citizenry of Henderson.

N. RIDGEVILLE, Ohio—We have just had a two-week youth revival, with Mary Lou Wiles as our evangelist. Eight young people were saved and seven received into the church. Sister Wiles is a fine evangelist and a wonderful worker with young people.—Homer J. Boatman, Pastor.

MT. PLEASANT, Penn.—The church of God here opened services on January 6, 1952. Rev. J. A. Cross, state overseer of Pennsylvania, preached the opening services and Rev. and Mrs. Carl White, of Cross City, Fla., arrived to continue the work. Brother White has worked in Pennsylvania before and felt led of the Lord to come back. The Lord has honored Brother and Sister White's coming back to the state by saving, sanctifying, and baptizing many with the Holy Ghost. God opened the way for Brother White to have a half-hour radio broadcast. Souls are being blessed by the broadcast and hungering for more of God. The devil is stirred and is doing his best to tear down the work, but we believe the work was ordered by God and that anything the devil does will be in vain.

The Sunday School was organized in the opening service with 42 present; since then the Sunday School has been averaging 50 each Sunday. The Y. P. E. was organized on March 11, 1952, with 25 present. The young people of the church are looking forward to a gracious outpouring of the Spirit and a great number of young people to turn to the Lord. We have efficient teachers and officers to carry on the work of the Sunday School and Y. P. E. My two oldest children have been seeking the Lord, and I feel that this is through Brother and Sister White's influence. We are behind the work and Brother and Sister White in loyal support. We have furnished the pastor with a nice parsonage. We invite you to pay the church a visit.—John E. Tressler, Secretary.

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From left to right is the Estevan, Sask., Canada, Church and Parsonage and the Church at Wawota, Sask.

CHURCH OF GOD AT ESTEVAN, SASK., CANADA

The Church of God has had a rather rugged beginning in Estevan, Sask., Canada. Rev. John A. Brost started a revival on July 17 which continued for 6 weeks. Souls were saved, and a church was organized on Sept. 4, 1949, with 16 members. A lot was purchased for a church building and also one for a parsonage. A building was purchased for the parsonage in November, 13 of the I. B. C. students set in to pour and finish a full basement for the church. The day after they finished, however, the mayor of the town went down and condemned it as unfit for public services. The overseer, Brother Rafferty, was called, and they continued with the work against extreme opposition from some of the political leaders of Estevan. By December 25, 1949, the basement was sufficiently completed to start holding worship services there.

The church grew, and the good pastor and members continued to work among the people of the town during the new year. As soon as was possible in the spring, work was again begun, this time on the church auditorium. Owing to the hard work of the pastor and some of the good brethren, they were able to finish the church for dedication by October 29, 1950. In the meantime, the ladies had completely remodelled the building purchased for a parsonage. Since the dedication, when \$1,200 was raised toward the building fund, the church has been on the increase. Souls have been saved; others have received the Holy Ghost. We thank God for His blessings upon us, and for the able ministers, Rev. J. A. Rafferty, Rev. Ralph Brostrom (dedicatory speaker), Rev. Fae Dyer (first revival speaker), Rev. C. Evangs, and Rev. L. G. Rouse, who have led the members in making the Church of God known and respected, not only in Estevan, but far and wide in this region.

CHURCH OF GOD AT WAWOTA, SASK., CANADA

Wawota was organized in the summer of 1950 by Rev. Oscar Roset, who

is the pastor at North Portal. Rev. Robert J. Reesor was the first pastor, and pastored for almost one year when he resigned his pastorate and became the new pastor of the Church of God in Estevan, Sask. Rev. Brost had resigned his work at Estevan and accepted the Church of God at Rolling Hills when he was asked by the overseer (at that time), Rev. J. A. Rafferty, if he would go to Wawota and build a church. There were only a few members, but they were made of real material. One year and 13 days after the dedication of the Estevan church, the Wawota church was complete, with a parsonage, on which date it was dedicated by Rev. J. A. Rafferty.

This church has continued to prosper, with men and women being saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the church. The membership has tripled. The services are well-attended, and there is only a small amount left to be paid on the church property. The parsonage, though small, is as nice as any in Canada. We are happy for the efforts put forth by Rev. and Mrs. Brost, and we are proud of the fine churches they have built. They have sacrificed much and worked hard to see souls saved and to promote the Church of God.

May God bless them mightily, and give them many souls for their hire; may they receive a rich reward at the end of life's way.—Norman J. Holmes.

REFRESHING FELLOWSHIP MEETING ENJOYED

SHEBOYGAN, Wisc.—Nestled in the hills of northern Wisconsin, surrounded by virgin timber, is the Pleasant Valley Church of God. True its structure is small, and it lies off the beaten path, but Jesus was with us and blessed in a wonderful way in the monthly fellowship meeting. We, in Wisconsin, have learned to appreciate these times of refreshing. Driving one, two, or even three hundred miles is nothing to hungry hearts eager for Christian fellowship.

After many miles of travel, we arrived at our destination. Although somewhat early, the lights of the

church shone forth through its windows, driving back the darkness; the smoke from the crackling fire within arose on the crisp night air. The weather was well below zero. Our state overseer, Rev. Estel Moore, and family were with us. The church was filled. From the first song, the very atmosphere was charged with the power of God. One could tell that the good pastor, John Weed, had spent time on his face before God in behalf of this fellowship meeting, for there was no pumping or priming. The glory of the Lord was there. Reverend Ash, pastor at Crandon, brought the evening message. There was great liberty and freedom, and one could not help feeling inspired in such an atmosphere.

Each fellowship meeting seems to surpass the last. The one of February 25, held at Mosinee, Wisc., at the Church of God whose pastor is Reverend Garnett, still causes us to feel as though we are sitting at the feet of Jesus. Reverend Huff, visiting minister of Antigo, was the speaker. The church, newly redecored, was a thing of beauty. The deeply consecrated, God-loving folk of Mosinee are a joy to fellowship with. Visiting Christians, including your reporter, had many miles to travel home after the service, but found it hard to break away, even at midnight. I am glad there are no little ministers with God. I am glad there are no little works in the Church of God, for all labors for Him are big. Wisconsin is a mission state, and the Church of God is fairly new out here, but we love the church. It will grow and expand, for there are God-loving people behind it 100 per cent. We have had good old Southern-style meetings here in the cold regions of the North. KEEP YOUR EYES ON WISCONSIN!—Slister Sande.

OHIO PRAYER CONFERENCE

The Ohio Prayer Conference convened in the Akron—Market Street Church of God, March 12-14. Our good state overseer, Paul H. Walker, had a wonderful program outlined and God smiled His blessing on the entire meeting. Everyone was blessed

throughout the conference. Reverend Jess Lavender, host pastor, gave everyone a hearty welcome.

Rev. H. R. Morehead, General Secretary and Treasurer, brought two inspiring messages. The congregation was moved to tears and conviction under his preaching. At the close of his preaching, sinners came to the altar seeking God, and Christians were moved to seek for a closer walk with God.

Brother Ralph Koshewitz, of Fern-dale, Mich., preached in the afternoon, during which time we were first laughing, then crying. The theme of the convention, "A Preaching Ministry," was in 6 subtopics, by 6 ministers: "The Call to Preach," Rev. E. E. Winters; "The Burden to Preach," Rev. Robert Newton; "The Preparation to Preach," Rev. Paul Stallings; "The Necessity to Preach," Rev. L. L. Turner; "The Purpose of Preaching," Rev. D. A. Biggs; "The Reward of Preaching," Rev. Homer Boatman.

Friday evening Brother P. H. Walker brought the closing message, "The Challenge." Our hearts were stirred to cling to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We returned to our fields of labor with greater anticipation to see the work of God progress in a larger measure.—A. J. Allen, Reporter.

GOD IS REALLY BLESSING IN KOKOMO, INDIANA

KOKOMO, Ind.—God is really blessing us here. The church is only about three years old, and we have been worshipping in a little store building until just recently. God has made it possible for us to purchase a big church building. The people here at Kokomo are some of the finest people I know and have really worked hard for the church. God has richly blessed in every way. Many times in Y. P. E. the Holy Ghost takes over and we have an old-fashioned service. Rev. Avery Lane, our pastor, and his wife are doing a good work. Every church in the State has prospered greatly since Rev. C. R. Spain, our state overseer, and his wife have been with us. Pray for us here at Kokomo.—Mrs. Clyde Davis.

BOGALUSA, LA., CONVENTION

The Bogalusa District Convention convened at Shepherds Fold February 29-March 2. It is history that will linger long in our minds. Brother Kendall, the district pastor, had everything ready and a great welcome for all. The ministers and members of the district cooperated in a wonderful way. Rev. Leatherwood, pastor of the Covington Church, preached on Friday night. Many came forward seeking the Lord and one received the Holy Ghost. On Saturday night Brother Jones of Sharps Chapel preached, followed by Brother Taylor of Monroe. Waves of glory came down on the congregation throughout the service.

Sunday morning Rev. T. M. McClen-don, state overseer, blessed everyone with his message. The mission offering was received in the amount of \$1,000.75. We appreciate Brother McClen-don's good work. This makes my fourth year at Shepherds Fold as pas-

tor and district pastor, and we have had a steady growth. We give God the praise for it.—C. W. Kendall, District Pastor.

NEW CHURCH IN MARYLAND

FORT MEADE, Md.—For some months I had been at work as a carpenter. I was preaching some and trying to get acquainted with the ministers in this section.

At the Bible and prayer conference I met several of the ministers, including Rev. P. M. Sindle, who is now state overseer of New York, but at that time was pastoring at Joppa, Md. He invited me to his place for a revival, beginning January 6, 1952. The time arrived for the meeting. We went to Joppa, and the ground was covered with snow. The walkway up to the church looked discouraging; there were no steps to the church (as snow caught them about the time they would have built the steps and leveled the ground). I said to my wife, "Darling, I don't know" (meaning I was not sure I had gone to the right place). My daughter said, "I like this place." "Well," I thought, "I'm glad someone does; I don't."

To my surprise, in spite of all the snow, ice, and mud, that night at 7:30 there was a good congregation gathered for the first service, and a good spirit was in the atmosphere. Brother Sindle, with his smile, called the congregation to order. The revival was on. The first night there were 4 saved. For two weeks we had a most glorious revival. There were 28 or 30 saved, 8 sanctified, and 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church was wonderfully blessed. The last night of the revival there were several in the altar.

Rev. G. W. Lane, state overseer of Maryland, was nice to us there. He attended the revival several nights. It was at this meeting he asked me to go to Fort Meade, where Brother Abbott had a place rented to have Sunday School and service. They were making plans to organize. After going there we felt specially led to build an altar, which we did. On Tuesday evening, during the first part of the service, we dedicated the altar. When the altar call was given that night, several came to the altar and were saved. Among that number was an Army officer (who had served 25 years) who was happily converted. (Formerly he was Catholic.) The revival continued on through that week, and, on Sunday night, February 3, 1952, in the midst of a rainstorm and an outpour of the Holy Ghost, the Church of God was organized with 21 members (all sheep, for goats don't go out in rainstorms much). There were ten states and the District of Columbia represented at the service that night. I am greatly encouraged with this work. It is one of the most promising works I have ever organized.

On Sunday, February 10, we had our tithe march. The tithes for this Sunday were \$171.20. One crippled vet of 2 wars had been looking for a check for some time, but had not received it. After he united with the church that night (Sunday night), he

received a special delivery letter with a \$399 check in it. He lived up to his promise and paid \$40 tithes. On February 12, Brother Lane, Brother Thomas, pastor at Baltimore and district pastor, and I met and decided on the building of the new church on a lot to be donated by the Army officer and wife.

I thought one time that my work was about finished, but it looks now as though I may build my 12th building for the Church of God. I have been blessed to take part in several other buildings. Please pray for me that no grass will grow under my feet. I feel that God has but little use for lazy Christians.

I have a son whom I feel God has called to His work. Pray that he will obey.

I have bright hopes now of living to see my 10th child join the Church of God. All of my children are members except Donna, who is 6, and all my in-laws except one, and she is a good girl.—C. H. Deans, 128 Kentucky Ave., S. E., Washington 3, D. C.

S. MIDDLETOWN NOW IN NEW CHURCH

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio—The South Middletown Church of God has just moved into its new church, which was dedicated Feb. 17, 1952. The building is 42 by 60 feet, and we are very proud of it. There is plenty of parking space in the front and on one side. We had a struggle to build, but the Lord was with us, and the building went up. We are in a revival now. Eight have been saved, 4 sanctified, and 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray for us.—Eddie Lawson, Pastor.

Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream and don't shirk.

Don't think of your worries, but think of your work.

The worries will vanish, the work will be done.

Announcing—

That the Full-gospel churches in Clinton, S. C., are sponsoring a union meeting with Rev. Doyle Zachary, of Greenville, S. C., as evangelist. This will be a soul-saving and body-healing campaign, beginning May 9 and continuing for three weeks. J. B. Cole, Chairman.

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TALBOTT, Tenn. — I praise the Lord for the many blessings He has sent my way. I am 23 years old and have lived a clean Christian life for several years. I remember so well when Brother and Sister Robert Lilley came to the Carson Springs Church of God for a revival in May, 1947. Sister Lilley preached under the divine guidance of the Holy Ghost. I was a sinner at that time, but one night during the revival the Lord saved my soul. I was kneeling in the altar when the Lord rolled the burden from my heart and I truly accepted the Lord as



Robert Johnson

my personal Saviour. I didn't know much about the Church of God or the full plan of salvation, but I had a desire in my heart to do something for the Lord. A short time after I was saved, the Lord sanctified me, and I had no desire for the things of the world. I had a testimony for my Lord wherever I went. I began conducting services at different places, and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Sometimes the Holy Ghost would manifest Himself through the good saints, and I would go home feeling that I lacked something to stand complete in the Lord.

About this time Sister Marie Hux came to our church for a revival. A few times I went to the altar seeking the Holy Ghost, but somehow I couldn't get in the spirit of prayer or see that it was necessary for me to seek this blessing, as I knew in my heart I was a child of God. So for a time I just drifted along.

Sister Hux became my wife a few months later and her Christian life has been a constant inspiration to me. I say here, that since the Lord saved me I have never had any desire to return to the things of this world. Though I've had some hard battles to fight, many times I have walked through the dark valley and had to climb the rough side of the mountain, Jesus has always been there to

hold my hand.

I am a member of the Cedar Hill Church of God. Brother William Philpot is my pastor. Recently we had a great revival here with Brother T. L. Copeland doing the preaching and Brother Morgan praying for the sick. Many received the Holy Ghost and I was one of them. I hope this testimony will help someone who is struggling along without the Holy Ghost to know that He will come into his life. The experience is just as real today as it was on the day of Pentecost. My wife and I desire the prayers of saints everywhere.—Robert Johnson.

I know that many will rejoice with me to know that Brother Johnson has received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Sister Johnson has been an evangelist in the Church of God for several years; she and Brother Johnson are both talented musicians and

singers. They are a blessing to their church and community and love to work with young people. If you ever meet this young couple, I am sure you will love them as we do. Join me in prayer for them that they will be a blessing to lost souls wherever they go.—Vivian Clevenger.

A WONDERFUL HEALING

While at Fame church in a revival, on February 19, the pastor, Brother T. H. Pugh, and I were called to pray for Brother J. C. Kimbrough, a well-known Church of God minister. Brother Kimbrough had had an acute attack of appendicitis and was paralyzed completely, with the exception of one finger. After praying a while, God's power fell on Brother Kimbrough and he came out of bed, dancing under the power of God. He trusted the Lord and He gloriously healed him. Three were saved, 3 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost as a result of this healing.—Rev. Vernon E. Rowe.

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Thought Provokers . . .

NAE representative Dr. Frank B. Gigliotti states that the majority of evangelical churches in Italy have met and held a hearing with the Senate Radio Commission in Rome. The Roman Catholic Church had tried to stop what it called "evangelical propaganda" on the radio. The Italian Senate Commissioners, however, voted 15 to 3 to permit the evangelical program to continue.

The children of 45,000 Protestants and 40,000 Jews in Italy are forced to receive instruction in the Roman Catholic religion as part of their studies in public schools.

The Vatican radio has announced that there are 423,000,000 Roman Catholics in the world, an increase of 119,000,000 since 1920. The growth had been attributed to missionary activity.

The modern Jewish Jerusalem has grown appreciably in spite of its seemingly uncertain status. In November, 1948, the city numbered 70,000 inhabitants. Today over 100,000 are within its precincts.

The women of the Palau Island have petitioned the United Nations to ban alcohol from their island. The petition states, "There is no peace in the houses where there is drinking."—(E. P.)

ATTENDANCE AT ARMY RELIGIOUS CLASSES EXCEEDS MILLION—(E.P.)

Attendance at religious instructional classes conducted by U. S. Army chaplains during the past year exceeded 1,000,000. Chaplain (Major General) Roy H. Parker, Chief of Chaplains, reported.

A total of 82,010 instructional classes were reported by the 1,200 chaplains in service, and attendance totaled 1,108,600.

Army chaplains conducted nearly a quarter of a million worship services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1951, with an average attendance at Sunday services of 100. Total attendance at Army chapel services in the 12-month period was 12,682,000. About one-fourth of these services were conducted by civilian clergymen in the absence of military chaplains.

Chaplains reported 1,430,000 counseling talks during the year. They also made 111,800 hospital visits, performed 8,041 marriages, baptized 8,714 persons, and conducted 15,414 funerals.

Sunday Schools classes have been receiving the particular attention of chaplains because of the increasing presence on many posts of families with children, Chaplain Parker said.

THE HIGH COST OF PRAYER

"I want you to spend fifteen minutes every day praying for foreign missions," said the pastor to some young people in his congregation. "But beware how you pray, for I warn you that it is a very costly experiment."

"Costly?" they asked in surprise.

"Aye, costly," he cried. "When Carey

began to pray for the conversion of the world it cost him himself, and it cost those who prayed with him very much. Brainerd prayed for the dark-skinned savages, and, after two years of blessed work, it cost him his life. Be sure, it is a dangerous thing to pray in earnest for this work; you will find that you cannot pray and withhold labor, or pray and withhold your money; nay, that your very life will no longer be your own when your prayers begin to be answered."

It is always a costly thing to give oneself wholly over to the Lord to be used as He will in His service.

It cost Elijah much persecution, for he was hounded by that woman Jezebel who eagerly sought his life (1 Kings 19:2).

It cost John the Baptist his head (Matt. 14:3-12).

It cost Paul and Silas pain and imprisonment (Acts 16:23).

It cost the apostle John banishment to the Isle of Patmos (Rev. 1:9).

It cost Paul desertion (2 Tim. 4:16).

IF YOU WANT TO BE POPULAR

Before you start along the road to popularity, you must have six things packed ready to take with you:

1. Unselfishness, a willingness to forget self in the interest of others.
2. Sincere friendliness toward people of all ages.
3. Ability or willingness to adapt oneself to be at ease under various circumstances and with all people.
4. An unassuming manner, not boasting about what you are or have or can do and avoiding stirring up heedless envies and jealousies.
5. A controlled tongue that refrains gossip and needless criticism and speaks in kindness.
6. Trustworthiness so that others know you will keep confidence and that your word is as good as your bond.

—Girlhood Days.

WHERE DID CAIN GET HIS WIFE?

Ever been asked about Cain's wife? Ask them to read this:

Under favourable circumstances population will double itself in twenty-five years. Cain was 128 years old when he was married. At the end of the first twelve years after the creation of Adam and Eve, there were at least seven pairs on earth. This would mean 11,970 persons by the time Cain was married, and, if half the number were females, Cain would have a wide selection. Note: It does not say in Gen. 4:16, that Cain got his wife in the land of Nod.

MARRIAGE THOUGHTS

By Rev. Bryan Simmons

Once I asked two fine sisters why they had never married. One replied, "I guess our heads and our hearts

TRAGEDY!

It is said that Charles B. Mitchell "in his first pastoral charge, called one night on a lad whose life was swiftly moving to its earthly end. The minister talked with the boy concerning his serious illness and about better life in the world to come, had prayer and committed the boy to the care of our heavenly Father. As the minister was about to leave, the lad looked his mother straight in the eyes and said, 'You have never prepared me for this hour.'"

How terrible, how tragic is a charge of this kind! Yes, millions of children are neglected just so in the matter of their highest welfare. What will the judgment be?

Since children are free moral agents and not "unconditionally elected," we can not compel them to be saved and to take this narrow way, but we can take it ourselves. We can throw about them every Christian influence in the home. We can have family worship with them. We can get them under the influence of the most sanely-spiritual church we can find. We can pray for the salvation of those we love. It will be awful to have any of our children lost. To have them lost by our neglect or consent is a thing parents can lament through all the years of this life and through all eternity.—The Free Methodist.

never got together." What wisdom! Herein lies, at once, the explanation and the solution of our divorce problem. Marriage originated with God, and He is the perfection of wisdom and love. When marriage is predominantly of the head, it becomes a matter of barter and too often proves a bad bargain for one or both. When the heart is in the ascendancy, it too often ends in a heartbreak. When wedlock is the result of mere fancy or indulgence, it becomes a travesty and leads to disgrace. When head and heart blend in both parties, difficulties are overcome, happiness reigns, and success crowns the union.

The marriage certificate is neither a meal ticket for the bride nor a bill of sale in favor of the groom. It is the official announcement of the blending of two lives for mutual helpfulness in the accomplishment of a heaven-designed purpose. The twain becomes one.

By both example and precept parents should teach their sons and daughters that marriage is the most sacred and honorable human relationship and urge them to prepare for and aspire unto it.

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By W. R. Franks

To the glory of God I dedicate this 32d annual address.

To our esteemed superintendent of the West Indies and Bermuda, Rev. H. C. Stoppe, and to our overseer of the Bahamas, Rev. Patterson, and to all the visiting bishops and delegates of the U. S. A., and to the bishops and ministers of the Bahamas, and to all of our dear members and friends, greetings.

Another full year has passed since we have met in a great and special gathering like this. Our dear Lord has tarried in glory, and has permitted us the privilege of starting on another year's journey. We have met here from Abaco and Grand Bahama in the North; Aklins Island, Long Island, Cat Island, Exuma, and Eleuthera in the East; Andros in the South; and Andros in the West, at this great annual feast.

Here are warriors who have fought on the battlefields, who have had the blessed privilege of seeing newborn souls enter into the kingdom of God, and hear them rejoice in their new-found faith. The Church of God has been marching on through the past year, and now the warriors have come home to give their reports and to receive another infilling for this year's journey.

Our tasks have grown greater; the opportunities are encouraging; and, as we view the vast religious movements that this our mission field has experienced for the past several months, we are indeed thankful to our God for entrusting us with the doctrine and teachings of the great Church of God. We have been made to see the responsible position which we occupy in God's great plan of redemption.

VISION.—As we take a look back over a period of a little over 40 years, we think upon those old pioneers, many of whom have finished their task, and have gone home to await their rewards. We see them as they caught the TRIPLE VISION; namely, the vision of the Church of God, the vision of holiness, and the vision of evangelism. These were the things that dominated their lives, for they felt that without these visions they would fail. They saw the Church with her divine government and theocratic principles that bind her members together and keep them ONE and in blessed fellowship. They knew she had to take the place of her divine Head who had said to His followers, "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." They heard Him when He said to the (offended) brother, "TAKE IT TO THE CHURCH." They saw the vision of that HIGHWAY that the prophet saw



Rev. William R. Franks was born Dec. 7, 1890. He was converted May 1, 1913, received the Holy Ghost 6 days later, and came into the Church of God under the first overseer of the Bahamas. A few years later he began his ministry and was made a bishop in 1919, under Rev. M. P. Cross. He is proud of the fact that his ordination certificate is number 30, which means that he was the 30th minister in the Church of God.

Brother Franks pastored one church in Nassau for 26 years. In 1918 he was appointed overseer of the Bahamas and served for 2 years. In 1922 he was reappointed and served for 2 years more, after which he pastored a church until 1934. From that time until the Island convention in February, 1943, he has served as overseer and assistant overseer. At present he is serving as Sunday School and youth director in Nassau.

Brother Franks is a carpenter by trade. He has organized and helped to build most of the churches in the Bahamas.—Henry C. Stoppe, Superintendent, West Indies and Bermuda.

when he said, "It shall be called the way of HOLINESS." They caught a glimpse of that road in the which if a man travels he shall see God—the VISION OF HOLINESS, without which no man shall see Him. They heard the great Master when He said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." They caught that blessed vision of evangelism, and they remembered that He said to His disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to EVERY creature." Thank God for that vision. He came to seek and to save the lost. This is a glorious vision, and let us also seek to follow in the footsteps of our Master and those pioneers who caught the vision of the Church in these last days, embraced the doctrine of holiness, and went to strange fields in order that they might carry out the command of Him who said, "Go ye . . ."

PURPOSE.—Brethren, we are all

aware that we are truly living in the last days, and dear brother Paul, through the spirit of prophecy, has told us that in the last days some shall depart from the FAITH. He also has informed us that in these (last) days there shall come a FALLING AWAY. But he gave us to understand that many shall remain TRUE with a FIRM PURPOSE to hold fast to those divine principles handed down by those great warriors of old, who told the Sanhedrin Council, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." Let US, therefore, with purpose of heart, cleave to the Lord, to His Church, and to those cherished principles and doctrines that have brought her safe through all the storms, and she is still standing out above the decrees and false doctrines of men.

Brethren we have met here in this our 32d annual convention for the sole purpose of obtaining more knowledge and spiritual understanding, so as to return to our fields of labor to do more for the Master and for His Church.

This is the age for encouragement, for the end is very near, and God is with us to lead us into the deeper truths of His Word. Let us not, for one moment, be fearful or despondent. The Church is to be presented to her glorious Head, without spot or wrinkle, and blameless. Let us, therefore, rally round the banner of holiness, and lift it high above the deceptive schemes of the enemy. Let us be true to God and His Church, and work harder than ever to rescue the lost from the hands of the enemy.

Be happy, be joyful, and fulfill your place in this great convention, and when the closing moments shall arrive you can look back with joy, and say, "I have done my best, and now I shall be able to tell to others some of the good things I have obtained." Let us, therefore, bow in humble worship and adoration to our loving heavenly father and say along with the poet,

Oh, worship the King all glorious
above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful
love—
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient
of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded
with praise.

54 RECEIVE BAPTISM OF HOLY GHOST IN JAMAICA CONVENTION

From the very first night of this great convention, the Holy Ghost fell on believers like water on a desert land. So great was His presence that the frivolous and skeptical had to acknowledge that this was the finger of God. Cold formality had to give way to the spontaneous moving of the Spirit.

Although the convention was only 4 days and nights in duration, God did not limit His blessings in accordance with the time. At first, some looked upon this great phenomenon with an accusing glance, others with affected indifference. But, nightly, the altar workers looked up with an ap-

proving smile as the believers prayed through to this wonderful experience. On the last night of the convention, 54, with beaming countenances, stood to their feet as a testimony to having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in these services.

Brother J. H. Hughes, overseer of West Virginia, was our evening speaker. Nightly, he kept his audience spell-bound as he delivered his timely and faith-building messages with herculean force. The people of Jamaica will not only remember him for his resemblance of the Prime Minister of England (Churchill), but for his great spirit of love and compassion for souls.

Nightly, the spacious Progressive Hall was filled to overflowing, and standing room was at a premium. Hundreds would stand during an entire service, so eager were they to hear the Word of God. People had come for miles to attend this annual feast. Some came by bus, others on foot or by whatever means of transportation that was available. Most of them came with very little money; others came fasting, not of their own volition, but of necessity. This great hunger in their hearts formed a vacuum into which the Holy Ghost rushed with a satisfying portion.

Brother A. W. Brummett, the island overseer, had a very timely program arranged and did a great job in moderating the convention. He and his family are greatly loved by the people of Jamaica.

Besides Brother Hughes, we were also blessed in having several of his ministers from the State of West Virginia; namely, Harry E. Sells, E. P. Music, G. E. Underwood, William Winters, and F. G. McAfee. North Carolina was represented by Samuel Luke and Sam Jones. Last, but not least, we had Brother Odine Wolfe and Brother McPherson of Wisconsin. All of these brethren, with their playing, singing, and preaching, made a major contribution to this great convention.

—Henry C. Stoppe, Superintendent, West Indies and Bermuda.

HAITI—APRIL NEWS LETTER

Sunday evening we finished a Youth for Christ tent revival on the exposition grounds at Port-au-Prince. Eight different missions participated and 104 souls were saved during those 7 nights.

Monday and Tuesday were pastoral conference days. Brother Deshommes, our district overseer of the South, was not able to be present, due to an accident that befell him on the Jeremie tour last month. The jeep broke down and had to be left in a garage at Jeremie, and a truck was rented to take Brother Deshommes and Brother Walker on to where horses could be taken to continue the church visits. When the churches heard of this, they raised \$10 to pay for the truck. The trails in that area of the country are extremely steep, narrow, and dangerous. On reaching a bad section, the first horse refused to go on, so Brother Walker dismounted and continued on foot. As Brother Deshommes reached that spot, his horse's saddle strap broke, throwing

him over the side of the hill. But, thank the Lord, he caught hold and fell only a few feet. The horse, however, lost its balance, fell over Brother Deshommes and rolled over and over down the hill about a 150 feet, but no legs were broken. Brother Deshommes' arm began to swell and to pain him terribly, but it was 8 days before they got back to Cayes and could get it X-rayed and put into a cast. One bone was broken and the other was dislocated.

Tuesday afternoon one of our two evangelists of Basin General came to our house to ask if we could take him back to his home. He came to tell us that the other brother had died, and that he had come to town to buy provisions. Both of these workers have stood alone as evangelicals among large families of Voodooists. In spite of this, I was shocked when I arrived to see a dead chicken hanging in the doorway, and I asked that it be removed in respect of the fact that he was a preacher of the gospel. The unconverted mother had put it there so that the disease of which he had died would enter the chicken and not go into another member of the family. We spoke to the people of death and eternal life in Christ, but it turned into a heated denunciation of Protestantism. That night the Christians arrived and sang hymns. The funeral was at 7:30 a. m., as bodies are not embalmed in Haiti and decay begins quickly.

At the cemetery the body was placed in the family tomb. The cemented door was opened, and the mahogany casket was placed with others. From where I stood I could see one mildewed box that had split open with the swelling of the body. No dirt was put over the boxes. Fresh cement and bricks were there to seal up the entrance again, as the pastor said, "Amen," the family group stepped up

with incense, candles, corked bottles, etc. They also put the wrapped chicken in the tomb. I wanted to observe their rituals, but the pastor stepped forward and said, "We can go now." The Lord had called His child to more pleasant surroundings. He had suffered much at the hands of his relatives, who tried daily to entangle him again in their folly. Pray for the 4 children and the wife who daily encouraged her husband in the Lord and helped him remain faithful until death.

Many of you will be seeing Odine soon, as she left Saturday for a 5-month furlough. She will be visiting churches while in the States.

Keep us on your prayer list.—Herbert and Lucille Walker.

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At the Post of Duty

By David Green

Judges 7:16-21, "And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do. When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon. So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon. And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled."

Notice especially the 21st verse, "And they stood every man in his place." I think this portion of God's Word has a wonderful lesson in it for every Christian who is desirous of being a blessing and doing the will of God. If there was ever a time when Christians needed to be at the post of duty it is now, when we are in the very last days of grace. The devil knows he has but a short time; this is proved by the constant evils that are ever present in greater and stronger forces. Christian, if you have been rather slack, or neglectful in your duties, from this day forward realize the need of being at the post of duty.

I. Dependence on God. Christians at all time must realize their dependence on God in whatever they undertake, whether it be work for God or personal problems. Gideon numbered his men, and 22,000 returned home because they were afraid. God said, "The people are yet too many." God also said, "Lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me." Gideon knew he had enough to fight against the Midianites and win the battle, but God said, "No; I want to test them further." The result was that there were only 300 out of the 32,000 who fully met the requirements. It means something to meet the requirements of God, but when this is fully met, then are we eligible and capable to stand at the post of duty. God wanted Gideon and the army to depend on Him so that He would get the glory.

II. Whole-Hearted Service. God could not work out His plan and win victories in Gideon's day with half-hearted soldiers. In World War II, during the German blitz on France, it was said of many that it was a



David Green, Pastor at West Seattle, Wash.

complete victory for the Germans because of half-hearted soldiers in the French ranks. In Gideon's army there were 22,000 that were fearful. How many of God's children are fearful today? They were afraid to trust God. Oh, how we need to trust God today for bigger and better churches, miracles, and revivals Isaiah 63:5a, "And I looked, and there was none to help." It may seem unreasonable to some to think that God needs help. However, since God chose human beings from the foundation of the world to honor and glorify His name, it is not unreasonable to assume that God needs them to help Him now. If people neglect or fail to do God's will, His plan is stalled until someone else fulfills that obligation. It is needful for God's people to be at the post of duty at all times.

III. Example of Whole-Hearted Service. There are a number of great men whom God has blessed down through the ages, and who have rendered faithful service to God. Once when God was looking for help and needed a man with a vision, He chose Nehemiah, the cup-bearer to King Artaxerxes. Nehemiah chose to stand at the post of duty for God rather than enjoy the ease of the palace. What a challenge that is for people today! Some have the ease of home comforts so that they forget when it is time to go to the house of God. God is looking for Christians who have a vision as Nehemiah did. We must be careful that the enemy of our souls does not cause us to lose our vision and consecration to God.

IV. A Place of Service for All. I have often found among various congregations that there are those who seem to

feel there is nothing for them to do. There is no such state in the chosen army of God. Every Christian has a place to fill in this great battle against sin and the devil. God may call some to a more prominent work in the church, but there is one thing that is needful, and all can do it; that is prayer. Christians must realize their duty to God is a privilege, and not something hard or unreasonable. I believe the Christian age is a time of a great sifting, as of Gideon's day; those who accept their obligation with joy will be the ones who are counted worthy to go in the rapture. May God stir our hearts to a greater effort for Him, and may we find our place at the post of duty for God. We need a new vision of Jesus Christ in all of His wonderful majesty and glory that will melt our hearts together and bring the unity of faith in oneness. There is a place of service for all.

V. God Needs Help. It was said that a certain man went into a potter's shop to see crockery made. He watched the man who was standing working at the wheel, who had one foot on the brake, stopping the vessel when it was needed. The visitor said, "My friend, doesn't that foot get tired (Continued on page 15)"



Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Hanks
Route 2, Gladstone, Va.

Brother Hanks says, "I have been working for the Lord since I was 14 years old. I began preaching when about 21 years of age. I was added to the Church of God in 1909, in the second Church of God organized in Virginia, and was licensed in 1915. The high points in my life, or ministerial work, were getting souls saved, and pastoral work. Most of the time I was a forerunner, and the district pastors would set the churches in order where I conducted meetings. Brother Latimer meant much to me."

Brother Hanks was born in 1884, near Blue Ridge Mountain, about six miles from Woodlawn, Va. He was married to Virco Burnette, March, 1907, and to this union were born 3 boys and 2 girls. His wife died in 1924, and in 1928 he married Ida Thorton. To this union were born 2 sons. One of them, John L., is now preaching, after attending Lee College three years, where he completed religious education.

Brother Hanks says, "I think the Church of God has made great progress due to its faithful ministers and members. I believe it will continue to grow by leaps and bounds. It has meant everything to me. May God help all of us to stay humble and let our light shine for the Lord Jesus Christ."

INVINCIBLE POWER

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praise and worship. Every believer needs to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. We need this baptism for Christian living. We are living in terrible times of temptations, and world conditions are discouraging. This is the verdict of the worldly man as well as of the Christian. The most beautiful thing is that everywhere God has thousands of men and women happy in Jesus and filled with the Holy Ghost and power. The Holy Spirit, understanding our needs better than we ourselves, prays through us until real victory is born in our souls. God is preparing a fit bride for His Son, and one day we shall all rise to meet Him by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Ghost was not given to drive us into little corners and separate us over doctrines. He was sent to give us power for the last days to be witnesses for Jesus and to stand in the face of fiery trials.

This enriching and empowering experience is not the end of Christian attainment, but the entering into an inexhaustible supply of God's unsearchable riches. When we explore the vast treasures of God's unlimited power, we find added strength, renewed hope and courage, with which to give the ramparts of hell a real broadside. Having done this, we must hurry back to God for more ammunition as the apostles did in Acts 4:31. Let us stay under the refreshing showers of God's blessings and know that all around us new horizons lift, new destinies confront, and stern duties await us. This is not the time to arm ourselves with cheap, blunt weapons of carnal warfare. We need the equipment that God has for us. We should expect great things and attempt great things for this One whose power is invincible!

THE CHURCH OF GOD—ITS FOUNDATION

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other words, He said, "I am turning the job over to you, Church of God. If you fail, my work will not be accomplished. The 20th century version renders the 19th verse as follows, "Whatsoever you forbid on earth will be held in heaven to be forbidden, and whatsoever you allow on earth will be held in heaven to be allowed." We are not to seek out some other group as our example. We, the Church of God, are to set our standards by the whole Bible rightly divided, having the right experience, the right name, and the right faith.

Jesus simply was saying, "I am going to use you to build my church. I am going to put the keys of the kingdom in your hand. YOU WILL DO THE JOB FOR ME. I CAN TRUST YOU." God forbid that we should ever fail or disappoint Him. He loves the Church of God, and I love Him for ever letting me get into it. Amen.

UNTO THE CHURCH OF GOD

O Church, my Love, my Cherished,
my Bride,
My Joy and Crown, a jeweled de-

signed,
For thee I laid my honor down,
Forfeited my throne, my robe and crown.

All my riches I gave; I became destitute and poor.

My reputation I moved, to make you holy once more.

I gave myself, my life, and my health
To redeem you from sin, from sickness, and death.

My Father gave up heaven's best;
The crowning task is yours to do the rest.

Love, you must come of a free will to me

To receive salvation so full and free.

Will you in wedlock take my hand,
Unite with me now? If you will, you can.

Come now to our abode, with Father and me;

Be one with the Holy Trinity.

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INTO ALL THE WORLD

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unity in the Spirit. From information received so far, it would seem that almost all movements are sending their chief executives or leading brethren to the London Conference. Unity and cooperation in the top levels of this glorious world-wide Pentecostal revival has reached proportions that are simply amazing and phenomenal.

Donald Gee writes in "PENTECOST" (the official organ of the World Fellowship, to which you MUST subscribe—\$1 for two years): "If the Lord tarry, it looks as though this year's World Conference in London should be full of power, full of interest, and full of rich possibilities for sharing these various tides of renewed Pentecostal blessing."

If you have not already decided to do so, we make an urgent appeal to churches to send their pastors and executives to the London Conference. Write immediately for full information and submit your points for the agenda—to Conference Secretary, Box 342, Glenbrook, Conn.

AT THE POST OF DUTY

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working that brake all day?" The potter replied, "No, it's the leg, which does nothing, that gets tired." If you have been getting tired at the post of duty to which you have been assigned, it is a good indication that you are not doing enough for God. May God help us to take a lesson from the story told of three lads trying to get a cart up a hill. The two behind got into a discussion and forgot to push. The lad in the shafts turned around and tartly exclaimed, "Less talk and more shove." I wonder if this is not the way God looks at the situation many times, when He needs help. We, as Christians, have the biggest job to do, and the best pay that can be given. Let us work for the Master while it is yet day, and above all, pray one for another.

OBITUARY



Rev. John O. Yates Receives Honorable Discharge

Rev. John O. Yates, son of Robert and Elizabeth Yates, was born May 2, 1887. He departed this life, suddenly, Wednesday, March 19, 1952, at the age of 64 years, 10 months, and 17 days. In the year of 1911 he was united in marriage to Mary Essie Peeples, and 12 children came to bless this union, 3 of which preceded him in death. His parents also preceded him in death. Brother Yates was converted in 1908 and felt the call to the ministry. When 27 years old, he was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. He united with the Church of God and began his ministry at the age of 28. In the year 1919, he was ordained. In his years of ministry, he was a faithful, consecrated pastor and evangelist. His ministry of 36 years was one of sacrifice and faithful labor in winning many souls to the kingdom of God. He pastored the following churches: Logan, Harrisburg, Christopher, Mt. Vernon, West Frankfort, Johnston City, Sesser, Carrier Mills, and East St. Louis, Ill.; Bonne Terre, Leadwood, St. Louis, Chillicothe, and Potosi, Mo.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Essie; 4 sons, Claude, Harold, Johnnie, and Donald; 5 daughters, Mrs. Lee (Frieda) Holdman, Mrs. Clarence (Margaret) Harmon, Mrs. Earl (Maxine) Joplin, Mrs. Virgil (Betty) Cobb, and Joann; 2 sisters, Mrs. Charles Snedecor and Mrs. Betty Snedecor; 18 grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Ministers officiating at his funeral were Reverends O. N. Cecil, Floyd Timmerman, and W. J. Milligan. The service was conducted in the St. Louis church, March 21. There were more than 40 ministers, of Missouri and Illinois present. The Church of God has sustained a great loss in his passing. To those left behind there is sorrow and grief, yet to him who has laid down his earthly robe and put on the robe of immortality there is eternal life in a world where there is no more suffering, sorrows, or partings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

The Literature Department of the Church of God Publishing House has grown beyond our expectations in the past twelve months. First, may I apologize to those of you who have ordered literature and we have not been able to fill that order. We are certainly thrilled over the growth of the Sunday Schools throughout the United States. I doubt seriously if our ministers and laity realize that our literature for each quarter is printed from four to seven months ahead of time. With that being the case, and its being impossible for us to know about the growth of the Sunday Schools in advance, it is difficult for us to know how much literature to print each quarter in order to have plenty. We are determined that next quarter we will have plenty of each kind of literature.

This last quarter has been the greatest of all. We have printed 20,000 more Adult Quarterlies for the next quarter than we printed fifteen months ago. The first quarter after the General Assembly of 1950 we printed 70,000 Adult Quarterlies, and for the third quarter of 1952 we printed 90,000. Our Picture Rolls have increased from approximately 800 to 1,950. So, you can easily see that our Sunday School is growing by leaps and bounds. We are very happy for that.

We are indeed grateful for the cooperation we are getting from the people on the field. You may rest assured that from now on we will be alert more than ever before, and do our best to have sufficient literature for all of our Sunday Schools.

We have found that our Flannelgraphs are ideal material for our smaller classes. We started using them a few years ago, and the demand for them has more than doubled in the last two years. May I suggest that you place your orders earlier than usual. If you would like to have one for review, please let us know several weeks early so we can have them printed. They are very expensive for us, and we do not like to have many of them left over.

We felt we should pass this information on to our people on the field so they would realize the problem we have of supplying our churches with the merchandise they desire. If it would be possible for you to let us know what your plans are for your Sunday School two or three months early, it certainly would help us. Most literature is shipped six weeks ahead, and it comes in eight to ten packages. So, if you should only get half of your literature, give the other half two weeks to arrive. Many times we ship the second order, and, before the customer receives it, he receives the first order. Thanks for your splendid cooperation, and may we have the pleasure of serving you at all times.

Sincerely yours,

CECIL BRIDGES, Business Manager